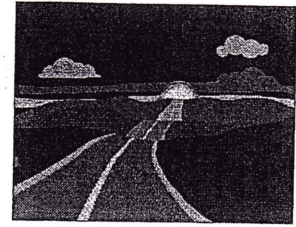


Around the ridges and a bit beyond



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A community and school newsletter.

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DON'T LET THIS.....*BECOME THIS!!!!!!*

Noxious weeds have the ability to rapidly invade pastoral land causing it to become unsuitable or even poisonous to stock. Many noxious weeds can form dense infestations that choke out all other plant species.

Learn to recognise locally found weeds and take measures to control them on your property before they take control. *Once weeds have taken a hold of your land the financial costs and burden of controlling them can be devastating!!!*

It's preferable to control small infestations as they arise, so now is the time to be checking your property for germinating species such as Giant Rat's Tail Grass and Parthenium. Mother of Millions is coming toward the end of flowering so it's much easier to see and treat and other species such as Rubbervine will be coming into flower in the coming months, so manageable infestations should be treated before it has the opportunity to set more seed. It's important to remain vigilant, particularly after rain events.

Weed control is not cheap, but it is cheaper now than it will be next year or the year after. Council has several initiatives to help with weed management such as hire of a spray trailer or the herbicide subsidy scheme. Please contact Ranger Services on 4931 5414 if you need advice on identifying or managing the weeds on your property.

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Ridgелands Country Fair

Well there were kids of many sizes
with thongs and sandals on their feet
The stalls were filled with lots of goodies
cakes and biscuits oh so sweet.

Lots of raffles and a multi-draw
prizes laid out, what a spread
if you didn't buy a ticket mate
your not right in the head.

Potted plants of all descriptions
going cheap for just a buck
I paid a dollar at the bottle stall
just to try my luck.

Yes country people, real nice folk
with the time to stop and chat
you don't get that in the city mate
oh no they don't have time for that.

Belly dances on the foot walk
and lots of fashion on the stage
Akubra hats and jeans for kids
what's new and all the rage.

The Tae Kwon Do was smashing wood
it was like they had no fear
every time they hit the tiles
the crowd let out a mighty cheer.

The kids were jumping in the castle
and knocking others off the top
the swings were going round and round
with ner a chance to stop.

All their faces painted brightly
with ice cream stuck on every dial
those country kids know how to play
and mate they sure know how to smile.

Where is this place you ask me
so that you can do the rounds
why just the Ridgелands Country Fair
at the local polo grounds.

Bob Pacey
27/08/05

Poetry With A Passion
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Thank You

To Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

Alton Downs Polocrosse and Sports Club and
its local community thank the Queensland
Government Gambling Community Benefit
Fund for their support in the upgrading of our
club house, toilet and shower facilities,
especially for handicapped, disabled patrons
and visitors.

Paul O'Sullivan
Building Chairperson.



Congratulations

to Dave and Jill Fry who won **second place** in
the Fitzroy Shire Council and Fitzroy Nursery
Garden Competition - **Best Garden Out of
the Declared Water Area.**

Mrs Shirley Greenup received an
encouragement award.

jokes

Why was the Egyptian girl worried?

What do young female monsters do at
parties?

What is a myth?

Why did the girl take a load of hay to bed?

1. 'Cos her Daddy was a mummy.
2. They go around looking for edible bachelors.
3. A female moth.
4. To feed her nightmare.

Congratulations.

Douglas Buckley who won the Pizza Hut
Junior Encouragement Trophy for the most
outstanding achiever of the year for the
Southside Junior Hockey Club,

Alex Buckley who won the Best Under
Thirteen Girls Player for the Rockhampton
Junior Hockey Association. Alex shared the
Merv and Marg Brown Trophy.

Hockey is a great game for the family!

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Waroula Equestrians Championships.

Waroula Equestrians held their annual Dressage and Showjumping Championships on the 11 September at the Alton Downs Polocrosse Grounds. The number of nominations received for the dressage phase of the competition was very good with over 90 dressage test being ridden on the day. Although the number of show jumpers attending was disappointing, the competition was of an excellent standard, with competitor's from all over the Central Queensland area attending.

RESULTS:

Walk/Trot Dressage Champions
 Prelim Dressage Champions
 Novice Dressage Champions
 Junior Dressage Champions

Fallyn Doblo and Fancy Image
 Karen Abrahams and Bronson
 Kirsty Fosset and Country Princess
 Kyle Golchert and Double Time

Junior Showjump Champions
 800mm Showjump Champions
 1000mm Showjump Champions

Jemma Slotosch and Ballee-K
 Holly-Jo Pye and Elle
 Carly-Mae Pye and My Fatal Obsession

Tracey Jongedyk
 Acting Secretary.

Pony Club Campdraft

A large number of riders, of varying ages and from many Clubs, enjoyed The Pony Club Zone Campdraft at Ridgeland on the 10th and 11th September. This week-end was held as a lead-up to the State Pony Club Championships to be held at Taroom on the 17th and 18th September. Much support and advice was offered to all participants.

Bus Route Survey

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As President of the Nine Mile Bus Conveyance committee we had requested a change in our bus route to suit more families to attend Crescent Lagoon. However we were informed that if one route changed then all would have to as well and only after receiving notice from enough people wanting the routes to change. There's the quandary we face how do we get to know about enough people to work out what needs to be changed or if in fact people are happy with the way things are. So perhaps if you would like to comment please ring myself on 49 341 338 and I'll keep a record of comments to see if the current route arrangements are suitable for most people or if most families would like to see a change. This is for the kids who attend schools in Rocky only at this time. Thank-you and please don't hesitate in calling if you want to have your say, one way or the other. Bye for now

Christine Ward

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Hello everyone. Council Comment this month is good news for ratepayers concerned with our road maintenance. In a report to Council tabled at the meeting of 13/9/05 maintenance and productivity have been increased on totals of 03-04. The total budget for roads in 04-05 was \$1 205 232 including a 20% increase compared to 03-04. The recent financial year saw an extra 120 km graded compared to 03-04 as well. This represents a 18% increase on productivity which is an excellent result considering outside factors such as water cartage and rising fuel costs recently had tried to play havoc. Staff at all levels, have done an excellent job to stay on budget with an increase in productivity. This is also proven by the marked decrease of road complaints in general. We are only as good as our information and any request for works is taken seriously and although sometimes the outcomes isn't as expected there are usually very good reasons for this. Anyway my phone is always available (mostly) so feel free to contact me with any comment. Good ones especially welcome! Take care and bye for now.

Cr. Christine Ward (christine.ward@fitzroyshire.qld.gov.au)

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WHAT'S ON

Rhee-Tae-Kwan-Do

At Alton Downs Polocrosse
and Sports Club
Tuesday nights, 6.30pm
49223737

Creative Memories Workshop

Scrapbooking Workshops to be
held at the North Rocky Bowls
Club 1st Tuesday and 3rd Sunday
of every month. Dates for local
workshops held at the Dalma
School to be advised.
Please contact Margo Eistreich
Ph 49345958

Dance

Alton Downs Hall
22nd October, 7.30pm
Man In Black

Barn Service

Saint Luke's Anglican Church
will be holding a Barn Service
at John and Jenny Reeve's
property - 42 Boys Road
Alton Downs
on Sunday 9th October
at 8.30 am.
Followed by a 'really serious'
morning tea.
All welcome.

NOTICES

Garage Sale

Saturday 1st October
8.00 am onwards

At 153 Bond Street

Alton Downs 49341392

Small tank, posts & rails,
polypipe, barbed wire, bath tub,
children's bikes and parts, toys,
sporting equipment, single bed,
car seat, weight bench, mosquito
nets, animals' cages, aviary,
general household items, fabric,
shed cupboards, verandah palings
and much more.

Congratulations

Sarah (Greenup) and Cameron
Parker on the arrival of their baby
daughter, Gayle Elizabeth, sister
to Ben. 12.09.05.

Get well wishes

Julie Schulz and Kevin Watts
Recovering from operations.

Congratulations to

Annette Milner on her graduation
ceremony at The Gabba. Annette
completed her Diploma of
Business Management

MEETINGS

QCWA

Ridgelands Branch meets
9.30am, 1st Wednesday of
Month

CWA

Helicopter Rescue Service Talk By Kay Becker

At CWA rooms.
Wednesday 5th October
9.30am sharp for one hour
\$2.50 for morning tea
Everyone welcome.

Stitch and Chat Group

Meets 9.30am
2nd & 4th Tuesday of month
QCWA room.
All welcome.
Phone: 49345120

Ridgelands P&C Meeting

2nd Tuesday
every month
Phone: 49345518

Ridgelands Show Meeting

Wednesday 12th, October, 2005
7.30pm, Showgrounds.
Visitors welcome

O'Sullivan Watson Memorial Museum

will be opened on 22nd October at 4,00pm.

The opening will be followed by a licenced barbecue.

All Welcome

Enquiries Rob Bishop 49345135 after 7.30pm

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Ridgelands Show News.

The AGM held on Wednesday 14th September saw the following new executive elected:

President: Mr Rob Bishop

Vice President: Pat Pointing, Ken Stewart

Secretary: Kelli Tomkins

Treasurer: Kerrie Malcolm

Patroness: Margaret Stewart

Proverb

Pride only breeds quarrels,
but wisdom is found in those who
take advice.

Proverbs 13:10

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QCWA Ridgelands
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Meets 9.30am
1st Wednesday of month

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2nd & 4th Tuesdays
of each month.
Ph.49345120

Alton Downs Polocrosse
& Sports Club.
Bar Open
Fri 6-10pm
Ph. 49341604

COOKERY CORNER

PIZZA SNACK

2 sheets frozen puff pastry
415g tin tomatoes; drained and chopped
100g finely sliced ham; chopped
1 cup pizza plus grated cheese
small quantity olive oil
½ cup pizza pineapple pieces

Line two oven trays with baking paper.
Place a sheet of pastry on each tray.
Spread each pastry with tomato leaving a
1cm border on each edge. Sprinkle with
ham and pineapple and top with grated
cheese. Drizzle lightly with olive oil.
Bake in a moderate oven, 180°C, for about
20- 25 minutes. Season with pepper and
cut into four to serve.

"IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER" - by Erma Bombeck

(written after she found out she was dying from cancer).

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained, or the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have sat on the lawn with my grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner." There would have been more "I love you's." More "I'm sorry's."

But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute...look at it and really see it, live it and never give it back. Stop sweating the small stuff.

Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what.

Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who do love us.

Let's think about what God HAS blessed us with. And what we are doing each day to promote ourselves mentally, physically, emotionally. I hope you all have a blessed day.

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